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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Shigeharu TAIRA :  
Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :  
PCT/JP03/01205) :  
International filing date: February 5, 2003 :  
For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING :  
RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT- :  
USE EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT :  
PIPING, AND CHECK TOOL FOR :  
RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT- :  
USE EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT :  
PIPING :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
subject application (English translation) as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 7 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 8 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.